

# Chapter 30: Crews

## Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards see Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations (Redbook), Chapter 13, Firefighter Training and Qualifications at:

<https://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2017/Chapter13.pdf>

## Crews hosted by CWICC

CWICC hosts a number of federal, state, and contract/agreement crews. Crews will be ordered as Type 1, Type 2, or Type 2 IA (initial attack). Agency crews will always have priority over contract/agreement crews. CWICC can mobilize inmate crews to Washington DNR Fires and also hosts several Job Corps camp crews.

### Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC)

Entiat IHC is considered a national resource by the National Interagency Coordination Center and can be dispatched nationally within two hours. If available, the crew can be utilized for local initial attack and project work. A commit notification will be sent when Entiat IHC is committed to an incident.

**Local Mobilization Procedures:** The Columbia River Division Duty Officer will be contacted to confirm that Entiat IHC is available for local assignments. If available, the IHC Superintendent or Foreman will be contacted about the local assignment.

**Off District Mobilization Procedures:** The IHC Superintendent or Foreman will be contacted directly for off district assignments. The Columbia River Division Duty Officer will then be given a courtesy call about the off district assignment.

The IHC Superintendent or Foreman will provide CWICC with a current crew manifest. All ROSS resource orders will be emailed to the IHC Superintendent and the Columbia River Division Duty Officer.

### Type 2 IA Crews

Crew Name	District	Agency	Crew Boss
Crew 22	Chelan	USFS	Ben Woodward
Crew 33	Cle Elum	USFS	Tod Flowers
Crew 43	Methow	USFS	Chad Bresnahan
Crew 52	Entiat	USFS	Robert Johnson
Crew 74	Wenatchee River	USFS	Dave Kahler
Crew 83	Naches	USFS	Tim Sauter
****Crew 93	Tonasket	USFS	Dan Gleason
Ahtanum	Yakima	DNR	Jason Hoerner

\*\*\*\*Tonasket Ranger District Resources are dispatched by WA-NEC\*\*\*\*

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## **Federal Type 2IA Crew Rotation**

The crew rotation is set by the FMOs and the Forest Fire Staff each spring and typically resumes where the rotation ended the previous fall. The rotation is posted on the CWICC webpage under “USFS Crew Rotation.”

The rotation is designed to give crews an equal opportunity to mobilize to large fires. The Forest Duty Officer will approve whether or not a crew is available when fire danger is high and/or extreme. Otherwise, CWICC personnel will follow the rotation to the best of their ability when filling crew orders. If a district turns down an assignment, the next district on the rotation will be called, and so forth.

## **Contract/Agreement Crews**

CWICC hosts two National Type 2IA crews and approximately seven Type 2 Pacific Northwest Agreement crews. The National Contract Crews will always be dispatched before the Pacific Northwest Agreement crews.

## **Job Corps Camp Crews**

The Columbia Basin Job Corps in Moses Lake, and the Fort Simcoe Job Corps in White Swan, can mobilize 10 person camp crews as needed. Job corps students are hired as administratively determined employees and the Job Corps Centers provide transportation. Rob Kephart is the Job Corps Liaison between the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest and the two centers. He will be the primary contact when CWICC receives orders for camp crews, he can be reached at 541-279-3714. If he cannot be reached, contact the Job Corps Centers directly.

## **Inmate Crews**

Inmate crews are available through the Washington DNR and are composed of 8-10 crewmembers, plus leadership and corrections officers. They are mostly self-sufficient and come with tools and transportation. They may require separate eating and sleeping areas on some incidents. Wildfire Division in Olympia will provide any additional overhead that the crew or incident requires.